

October 12 Demonstrations in Lima and Several Provinces

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The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens travelers and residents that on Tuesday, October 12, civil organizations associated with the Union de Frentes Regionales de Peru (Federation of Regional Leaders of Peru) in Puno, Cusco, Arequipa, Moquegua, Tacna, Apurimac and La Libertad are expected to participate in a march to Lima. The march is expected to culminate in demonstrations at the Plaza Dos de Mayo in Lima. Such demonstrations may affect traffic or close major highways and bridges. They can also cause serious disruptions to air, rail and river transportation. American citizens traveling in these areas should be flexible in their travel plans and be prepared for travel delays.

Demonstrations in Peru are often, but not always, peaceful and can quickly escalate into violent confrontations. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid large crowds and demonstrations and strongly encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance, maintain awareness of local events and their surroundings, and take the appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. It is illegal in Peru for foreigners to participate in demonstrations. If you take part, you may be arrested.

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